(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of jobs provided so far under the scheme in the State, particularly in Nagpur;

(d) whether Government have assessed the progress of the scheme in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Based on the High Power Committee's recommendations, KVIC has already introduced schemes for creeting two million additional jobs throughout the country including Maharashtra.

(b) In Maharashtra, nine blocks, namely 1. Mangalnedha 2. Kej 3. Malegaon 4. Jannar, 5. Selekesa 6. Ramtek, 7. Kalamb 8. Chikaldhara and 9. Seloo have been selected under the 125 blocks programme for employment generation. Under the District Special Employment Programme, 5 districts, namely 1. Chandrapur 2. Yavatmal, 3. Raigarh & Ratnagir 4. Beed and 5. Nanded have been identified. In additon to this, a few National Programmes on Leather, Handmade Paper, Beekeeping and Pottery and a few special projects are also being taken up in the State by the KVIC.

(c) Under the scheme, 273 jobs have already been generated in the State during 1995-96. In Nagpur district, 200 jobs have been provided.

(d) and (e) KVIC has reviewed the progress of implementation of the scheme in the State at the time of budget discussions with the State KVI boards and the implementing agencies. During the year 1995-96, the production of khadi and village industries together in the State stands at Rs. 716.68 crores. As on 31.3.1996, KVIC has provided employment to 4.74 lakh persons in the State through development of khadi and village industry.

List of Backward Communities for inclusion in SC/ST List

2467. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a list of socially, economically and educationally backward communities of different State as recommended by the respective State Governments for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes is pending for a long time; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Recommendations have been received from State Governments from time to time for the inclusion of various communities in their respective lists of Scheduled Casts and Scheduled Tribes, and some of these are pending since long.

(b) The determination of claims and recommendations for inclusion involves consideration of several complex factors, including region-specific study of the characteristics of each community in the light of the criteria followed for scheduling, and consultation with various agencies. Under Articles 341 (2) and 342 (2) of the Constitution, any modification in the existing lists can be effected only through legislation.

Profits earned by NALCO

2468. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO) has been earning profit;

(b) if so, the total dividend earned by NALCO during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by NALCO to provide employment to the local people during the above period; and

(d) the vacancies filled up against posts reserved for SC/ST and OBC categories in those years?